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Procurement Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee
on
Foreign Language Publications

DOMESTIC COLLECTION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

1. The Problem: To determine the best methods of exploiting the New York book market for the procurement of foreign publications.

2. Discussion:

a. The New York market is a useable source for obtaining Soviet publications. The Four-Continent Book Shop is the official representative of the Soviet government for the sale of Soviet publications in the United States. Other sources include Telberg, Universal Distributors, and Leon Kramer. Useful publications may also be obtained at times from such importers as Stechert-Hafner, Inc.

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b. [REDACTED]

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This man is available to accept specific requirements and attempt to obtain publications from any of the available sources. His connection with CIA is unknown to his sources.

c. G-2, through personnel from Headquarters, First Army, obtains certain publications for its own purposes.

d. The Department of State also has a full-time procurement officer in New York performing similar functions.

e. Air

f. Navy

3. Recommendations:

a. That G-2, State, and CIA representatives prepare short summaries of the activities of [REDACTED] with particular emphasis on the types of publications received and an evaluation of this source in relation to the military attaches and the PPOs capabilities.

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b. That the Air and Navy representatives provide information on any activities within their organizations concerned with procurement in New York.

c. That the Chairman prepare, as a result of information collected under Recommendations a and b, and other information on hand, a summary statement of procurement capabilities in New York.

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